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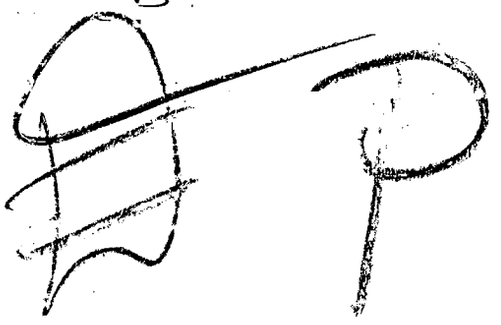

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 82 to 85

Part B for March 1924

SUBJECT

Proceeding of the meeting of the Mysore State Congress held on the 18th March 1924 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Kanda Venkatappiah

CB- 1535

Confidential.. Office of the Dist. Magistrate,

No. 9 C700 Encr 2. Bangalore District.

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Dated Bangalore, 19th March 1924.

CB 54-23-8.2

Dear Sir,

I submit herewith a copy of confidential report No.50 dated 18th instant received at 10 P.M. last night from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City.

The recent order of Government defining the revised procedure to be adopted in the case of British Indian politicians has been communicated to the District Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Police from Kanjanahalli camp. It would have probably reached them by now.

Yours sincerely,

B. Venkata Rao

To

K. Matthan, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Confidential.report No.50 dated 18th March 1924 from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, to the District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

I beg to enclose herein for kind perusal a Kannada notice in duplicate dated 17th March 1924 issued at the instance of the Secretary, Mysore State Congress Committee announcing a meeting in the evening in the maidan opposite to Ophthalmic Hospital and that Messrs. J.Bhima Rao, H.V.Subramanyam, P.R.Ramiah and others will speak on "Present Political situation in Mysore" and inviting one and all to attend the meeting.

As I had information that Mr. Konda Venkappiah of Guntur, a non-Co-operator referred to in my confidential report No.49 dated 13th March 1924 who has removed his sick son-in-law and daughter from Thotadappa's Choultry to Basavangudi with the object of staying there for the benefit of their health for a couple of months and who had informed the City Police that he was not going to take part in Congress matters will speak in the evening though his name has been purposely omitted by the Congress Committee and to suddenly make him talk in the meeting and thus to avoid the restrictions to be placed on his speech I went and interviewed him this forenoon (11.30 A.M.) He informed me that he had not been invited by the local Congress Committee to make any speech and that he does not wish to make any speech and if he is insisted to speak that he would not speak on Mysore politics as he does not know them and that he would confine his speech only to the "Constructive Programme" of the All India Congress Committee viz. (1) Use of Khadder and Charka, (2) removal of untouchability, (3) evil of drink and (4) Hindu-Muslim Unity. I warned him from making any speech on British Indian politics or Anti-British Propaganda to which he assured me that he would not touch these subjects if he were to make speech of which he was not certain.

The proceedings of the meeting will be watched in the evening and the result reported.

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B. Rama Rao

Dist. Magistrate, Bangalore Dist.

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CB. 1544

Confidential. Office of the District Magistrate
Bangalore District.

No. J.C. 700/21-22 Dated Bangalore, 21st March 1924.

CS 54-23-83

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.J.C.700/21-22 dated 19th March 1924, I beg to submit herewith a copy of confidential report No.51 dated 19th March 1924 from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, submitting the proceedings of the meeting held on the 18th instant by the Mysore State Congress at the maidan opposite Minto Ophthalmic Hospital.

Yours sincerely,

B. Lakshmana Rao

To

K. Matthan, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

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No. 51

Submitted to the District Magistrate, Bangalore Dist.

In continuation of my confidential report No.50 dated 18th March 1924 I beg to state that the C.Division Inspector had been deputed to watch the proceedings of the last evening's meeting. A copy of his detailed report is enclosed for kind perusal

Mr. Konda Venkatappayya who said that he was not certain of making any speech did make a speech after being voted to the Chair by the Congress President Mr. J. Bhima Rao.

Inspite of my warning, this non-co-operator Mr.Konda Venkatappayya has touched on British politics here and there.

The Congress Committee have notified that Mr.Konda Venkatappayya will deliver a lecture this evening on constructive programme at the Vaishya Hostel, Ibrahim Sab Street, C.& M.Station. This fact is intimated to C.& M.Station Police.

Yesterday's notice showed that they were going to tally on present politics in Mysore but they did not open the subject.

Sd. K. Mahomad Hussain.
Assistant Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore City.

19-3-1924.

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S u b m i t t e d.

This day being the 18th of the month, the local Congress Committee had its usual meeting in the maidan near the Minto Ophthalmic Hospital in the evening. Mr. Konda Venkatappiah of Guntur one of the very earnest workers of the Congress Committe who had even gone to Jail in this connection and was President of the Reception Committee of the last All India Congress Conference at Cocanada was in the Chair.

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Punjab wrongs had been touched, Mr.VVenkatappiah was requested to address the public on the constructive programme of the Congress activities. He spoke for about 2 hours in Telugu beginning with a description of the greatness of Mr. Gandhi that he is a super-human being born for the uplift of India recognised as an Avatar of Christ himself even by some of the Christians. He expressed hearty thanks to heaven at his recovery, expressed greatfulness to Col. Maddock for having successfully treated him in his last illness adding that his recovery from such severe illness was an indication that there is something very good in store for the Congress and its activities. He then described India as the Home of the greatest scholars, scientists and philosophers and of immense wealth and strength but rendered helpless and effiminate at present by the folly of the Indians themselves, the remedy for which is to be had by them alone by following the principles laid down by Mr. Gandhi which are not new but xxx which late President Wilson had already advocated in the League of Nations. He then referred to non-co-operation as the safest and best and most suited means for attaining that remedy, i.e. attaining Swaraj or self-determined rule and independence and said that under non-co-operation the Akalis conducted themselves so well in the recent bloodshed. He dilated much upon Charaka and the use of Khadder referring to the same at the simplest and most easy means of attaining Swaraj and describing the havoc done by the use of foreign clothes to the country and the advantages of Khadder over mill-made cloths etc., touched briefly upon the other subject of the constructive programme, viz. temperance, Hindu-Muslim Unity, Religion, toleration and Panchama uplift saying that they are questions which any person whether British Provinces or of a Native State can follow without any objection from the local Government and closed by exhorting the audience to help the local Congress Committee by men and money.

Mr. Bhima Rao then closed the meeting saying that it was already too late, that the subject for the day announced in the hand bill viz. the present political situation in Mysore had to be given up and proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Venkatappiah and also

to Government for not issuing order under Section 144 Criminal Procedure Code against him expressing that a new era had commenced with the commencement of the Reformed Government and closed the meeting saying that Mr. Venkatappaih is returning to his place and is likely to visit Bangelore now and then for some time as he is leaving his daughter and son-in-law here for recruiting health and the public may have an opportunity of hearing him again.

The meeting began at about 6.30 and closed at 9 P.M. The attendance was about 300 at the beginning but more than half the number had cleared out before the close.

18-3-1924.

Sd. K. Poornachar.
C.Division Inspector.

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District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

CONFIDENTIAL.

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE

No. C.1526

Bangalore, 21st March 192.

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Dear Sir,

CB 1551
CB 54-23-84

I write to inform you that the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, reports that the local Congress Committee held their usual meeting on the evening of the 18th instant in the maidan opposite the Minto Hospital with Mr. Konda Venkatapiah of Guntur in the Chair. About 300 people attended the meeting which began at 6.30 P.M. and closed at 9 P.M. Copy of the report of the Asst. Superintendent of Police is enclosed.

The Chairman spoke in Telugu referring to the greatness of Mahatma Ghandhi and urging that non co-operation was the safest, best and most suited means for attaining Swaraj. He referred to Charaka and the use of Khadar as the simplest means for obtaining Swaraj and described the havoc done by the use of foreign cloths. He touched briefly on the other subjects of constructive programme Viz., 1 Temperance, 2 Hindu-Moslim Unity, 3 Religious Toleration and 4 Panchama Uplift and said that these questions were common both to British India and the Native States and exhorted the

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for Inspector General of Police.

Confidential. Office of the District Magistrate,
No. J.C. 700 Enc. one Bangalore District.

Dated Bangalore, 22nd March 1924.

CB 1550
CB SH-25-85

Dear Sir,

I submit herewith a copy of confidential report No. 52 dated 21st March 1924 from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, stating that non-co-operator Mr. Konda Venkatappiah left for Hindupur on the 20th night.

Yours sincerely,

To

K. Matthan, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

R e p o r t.

Beg to report that non-co-operator Mr.Konda Venkatappiah, who arrived here on the 10th instant left for Hindupur (from Basavangudi) last night by Guntakal Mail without surveillence.

Sd. S. Krishnamurty Rao.
21-3-1924. Head Constable, Chowk Station,
BangaloreCity.

No.52.

Copy of the above is submitted to the Dist. Magistrate, Bangalore District, for kind perusal.

Sd.K.Mahamad Hussain.
Asst.Supt.of Police, Bangalore City.

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Dist.Magistrate, Bangalore Dt.